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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(as of 1700 EDT)

1. Ambassador Bennett reported at 1430 EDT that "frankly, this ceasefire is about to have very serious consequences for us. Junta forces, which are not very aggressive at best, are respecting it, while the rebels, following the usual Communist tactic, are complaining of violations while they themselves plan larger operations." The ambassador points out that as a result of the ceasefire, the junta forces have withdrawn across the bridge and no Dominican troops remain within the area to establish a line between the bridge and the international zone--a mission which was to have been left to the Dominicans. This permits a gap which allows the rebels to use the vital road to the north. The ambassador added that the embassy had continued under fire during last night. The rebels say they don't control the snipers. Both Marine and Army outposts continue under attack at night. The ambassador added that both the Colombian and Ecuadorean ambassadors were with him as he sent the message and agree with his views.

2. [redacted]
[redacted] a flysheet has been published on the rebel sector under the name of the "Constitutionality Committee" saying that the people should not allow themselves to be tricked by the ceasefire. They are to remain on the alert to protect the rights of the people. In an attempt to raise rebel morale it claims that all the police and army barracks in the city have been taken and that 21 tanks have been captured. The flysheet was being distributed by one of the Isa Conde brothers and by Jose Cuello Hernandez, two Communist PSPD members.

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